

Please replace the ABSTRACT with the following replacement paragraph:

An application server includes a directory responsive to multiple users from multiple companies to provide an indication of user identity, user role and user company. A single database stores data for each of the multiple companies. A container is responsive to the directory indication of user role to create a program, and is responsive to the directory indications of user identity and user company to provide the program with access to a particular portion of the data of the company in the database. An associated method for programming in an enterprise java-bean **JAVABEAN®** protocol is based on information relating to the identity of a user, company of the user, and role of the user within the company. The method provides a plurality of application beans relating to different functions of the company and a database including data relating to different companies. A particular one of the application beans associated with the user role is selected, and the selected bean is programmed to access a particular portion of the database associated with the company of the user and the identity of the user.